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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace para. [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Fig. 2 shows the profile upgrade utility module 110 in greater detail. As shown in Fig. 2, the profile upgrade utility module 110 includes a profile module [[112]] 212 and a delimited text extractor [[114]] 214. The profile module [[112]] 212 is coupled to the database 120 shown in Fig. 1. The profile upgrade utility module 110 also includes a delimited text extractor [[114]] 214. In operation, the profile module [[112]] 212 queries a user regarding the type of upgrades desired as well as the types and locations of the modules to be upgraded. The process by which a user is queried is described in greater detail below. The profile module [[112]] 212 retrieves the current module information from the database 120.

Please replace para. [0016] with the following amended paragraph:

[0016] In operation, the profile module [[112]] 212 generates an upgrade profile based upon user input. The upgrade profile is then sent to the delimited text extractor [[114]] 214. The delimited text extractor [[114]] 214 extracts from the profile the type of module to be upgraded, the nature of the upgrade, the location of the module for upgrade, the location of the upgrade, the name and properties of the business object to be invoked to carry out the upgrade and the operation to be performed. This information is transmitted as a text or import file to the import/export utility module [[110]] 210, as shown in Fig. [[3]] 1.

Please replace para. [0017] with the following amended paragraph:

[0017] Fig. 3 illustrates the types of modules that may be upgraded in accordance with the invention. As shown in Fig. 3, the system will allow for the upgrade of a workflow module 305, an Order Management System (OMS) [[OMS]] module 310, a catalog module 315, a rules module 320, an orders module 325, a membership module 330, an accounting and commodity codes module 335, a permissions module 340 and a pop-ups module 345. In Fig. 3, the workflow

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module 305 refers to the general workflow parameters and may include values and descriptions that can be assigned to items in an order requisition. The OMS module 310 refers to product availability, prices, price lists, price adjustments, units, currency units and currency conversions, taxes, credit status, shipping carriers, shipping methods and related information. The catalog module 315 includes a catalog of the goods and/or services offered by the website. The rules module 320 includes the rules governing the decision making processes necessary for carrying out transactions.

Please replace para. [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] The orders module 325[[.]] includes a database of orders as well as related information. The membership module 330 includes a database of membership information, such as members and their associated information. The accounting and commodity codes 335 refer to values and information that can be assigned to items in an order requisition. It is important to note that the invention ~~inventions~~ contemplates other modules that may be required for e-commerce applications.

Please replace para. [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] Fig. 4 shows a first screen shot for a profiling session. As shown in Fig. 4, a user is presented with a BuyerXpert Upgrade query querying the user as to whether a new profile should be created, "Create New Profile" [[410]]. The user may also select an existing profile, edit [[and]] an existing profile, and then run the selected profile. If a user has [[a]] selected the "Create Profile" [[410]] option, the system will present the user with an additional interface providing further queries.